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In re Application of :  
Melendrez :  
Application No. 10/808,112 : LETTER  
Filed: March 24, 2004 :  
For: Body Dryer :

The correspondence address for the above-identified application is in the area affected by Hurricane Katrina. The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) has indicated that it considers the effects of Hurricane Katrina to be an "extraordinary situation" within the meaning of 37 CFR 1.183 for the affected applicants. *See Office Actions and Notice of Allowances Previously Mailed to Areas of Alabama, Louisiana, and Mississippi Affected by Hurricane Katrina*, 1299 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 58 (October 11, 2005).

Under the extraordinary circumstances of the above-identified application, the requirement in 37 CFR 41.37(a) that an appeal brief (and appeal brief fee) be filed within two months of the date of the notice of appeal to avoid dismissal of the appeal is hereby *sua sponte* waived to the extent that an appeal brief (and appeal brief fee) is not due until **December 27, 2005**. *See* 37 CFR 1.183.

The period set in this letter may also be extended under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) and (b).

Telephone inquiries specific to this matter should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-7727.

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